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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jacob Lipman

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 47-73 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 47-73 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 14-46 have been canceled from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 13 April 2005.

Oath/Declaration

2. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:

It does not identify the mailing address of each inventor. A mailing address is an address at which an inventor customarily receives his or her mail and may be either a home or business address. The mailing address should include the ZIP Code designation. The mailing address may be provided in an application data sheet or a supplemental oath or declaration. See 37 CFR 1.63(c) and 37 CFR 1.76.

It does not include the inventors' signatures.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "305" has been used to designate both Error and Data Input Device. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top

margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 270, 311, 315, 319, 320, 350, 391, 395, and 399. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 60 objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 60 recites the limitation "codes differ 1: (original) A method ..." in line 5.

This seems to be a typographical error.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 6, 7, 50, 66, 67 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The term "substantially" in claims 6, 7, 50, 66, 67 is a relative term, which renders the claim indefinite. The term "substantially" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12, 47-49, 52-54, 57-65, 68-70, and 72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ramadei, US Patent number 5,602,921.

With regard to claims 1, 47, 57, and 61, Ramadei discloses a method comprising detecting an error (column 7 lines 24-28), scrambling a code for the error (column 8 lines 44-47), and making the scrambled code known (column 8 line 64-column 9 line 2).

With regard to claims 2, 48, and 62, Ramadei discloses determining the error based in part upon the scrambled code (column 9 lines 3-7).

With regard to claims 3, 4, 63, and 64, Ramadei discloses that the scrambled code can be verified using a look-up table (column 4 line 65-column 5 line 10).

With regard to claims 5 and 65, Ramadei discloses the system can be run more than once (column 2 lines 20-28).

With regard to claims 8, 49, 60, and 68, Ramadei discloses determining the code based in part upon the time of the error (column 7 lines 28-31).

With regard to claims 9 and 69, Ramadei discloses making the code privately available (column 8 line 64-column 9 line 2).

With regard to claims 10 and 70, Ramadei discloses making the code privately available (column 9 lines 3-7).

With regard to claims 12 and 72, Ramadei discloses writing the scrambled code to a file (column 8 lines 44-57).

With regard to claims 52-54, Ramadei discloses the error is related to the input settings (serial number) of a second information system (column 7 lines 10-28).

With regard to claims 58 and 59, Ramadei discloses using a second system to derive the error (column 5 lines 1-10).

10. Claims 1, 2, 47, 48, 57-59, 61, and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Elgamal, US Patent number 5,657,390.

With regard to claim 1, 2, 47, 48, 57-59, 61, and 62, Elgamal discloses a method comprising detecting an error (column 21 line 21), scrambling a code for the error, and making the scrambled code known (column 21 lines 21-24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

11. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. Claims 6, 7, 11, 13, 50, 51, 55, 56, 66, 67, 71, and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramadei.

With regard to claims 6, 7, 50, 51, 66, and 67, Ramadei discloses encrypting the code, as outlined above, but does not specify a method of encryption. The examiner takes official notice that using random numbers (generated by random number generators) to encrypt is well known in the art. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to use random numbers for encryption in Ramadei's system for the motivation of increasing security.

With regard to claims 11, 13, 71, and 73, Ramadei discloses writing the scrambled code to a file, as outlined above. The examiner takes official notice that displaying the code on screen and generating audio responses are common forms of output. As applicant discloses on page 5 lines 9-13, these other forms would be known to one of ordinary skill in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use these other forms of output where they are available.

With regard to claims 55 and 56, Ramadei discloses the system above in a postage accounting system. The examiner takes official notice that it is well known to have accounting systems for cell phones and subscription TVs. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to use Ramadei's accounting system with cell phones and TVs for the stated motivation of providing an accounting system secure means of transmitting information to a printer (column 1 line 66-column 2 line 28).

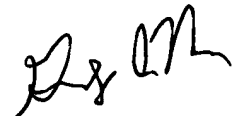
Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7 AM-3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 571-272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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